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TO : Chief of Mission, Frankfurt

DATE: 11/1/54

FROM : Chief of Base, Bonn

INFO: PCB/US

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC— Trace Request: Karl KIRSCHBERGER @ Dr. Karl NEY

1. On 25 May 54 we received from the BfV a request for information which may be translated as follows:

"KIRSCHBERGER is the cover name for a former Hungarian citizen, and later a stateless person named Dr. Karl NEY, born 9 Nov 06 in Bacsszentivan, presently residing in Cologne.

"During a police interrogation, NEY revealed that in 1940 he joined the German Waffen SS from Hungary. In 1944 he was the commander of the 52nd SS Cavalry Regiment, and in December of the same year, received the command of the SS-Combat Group 'NEY'. (F-6.)

yes "He further stated that on 7 Jun 46 he was sentenced to death by an American court in Salzburg, Austria, for allegedly having given an order to shoot a downed American pilot. On 5 Sep 46, his sentence was allegedly commuted to life at hard labor, and on 2 Apr 48, he was given a conditional pardon and released. (F-6.)

"According to NEY, on 2 Apr 48, an American Lt. Colonel who was with an agency in Lins requested that NEY establish contact with the organization known as 'Eastern Front Comrades' (Ostfrontkameradschaft), which NEY had organized in 1943, and which had some 100,000 members. NEY was to establish intelligence contact with Hungary from Austria through the mentioned organization. (F-6.)

CIC "The American agency then allegedly gave him an Austrian identity document bearing the name of Dr. Karl KIRSCHBERGER, which French agencies later renewed.

"Information as to the truth of the statements made by NEY is kindly requested by the BfV."

2. Should the above requested information be available and suitable for transmittal to the BfV, it is requested that it be provided this office; otherwise, a negative reply is requested.
3. The CIC liaison officer at OCA has suggested to its headquarters that it conduct an inquiry of US intelligence agencies in Austria. OSI has also been queried.
4. PCB: Please check US files only.

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DISPATCH NO. 1498

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TO : Chief of Mission, Frankfurt

DATE: 30 June 1954

FROM : Chief of Base, Bonn

INFO: PCB/UE

SUBJECT: Operational

RE: Trace Request: Karl KIRCHENBERGER & Dr. Karl MEY

1. On 25 May 54 we received from the BfV a request for information which may be translated as follows:

"KIRCHENBERGER is the cover name for a former Hungarian citizen, and later a stateless person named Dr. Karl MEY, born 9 Nov 06 in Bacsanostivum, presently residing in Cologne.

"During a police interrogation, MEY revealed that in 1940 he joined the German Waffen SS from Hungary. In 1944 he was the commander of the 5th SS Cavalry Regiment, and in December of the same year, received the command of the SS-Combat Group 'MEY'. (V-6.)

"He further stated that on 7 Jun 46 he was sentenced to death by an American court in Salzburg, Austria, for allegedly having given an order to shoot a downed American pilot. On 5 Sep 46, his sentence was allegedly commuted to life at hard labor and on 2 Apr 48, he was given a conditional pardon and released. (V-6.)

"According to MEY, on 2 Apr 48, an American Lt. Colonel who was with an agency in Bonn requested that MEY establish contact with the organization known as 'East-Pront Comrades' (Ostfrontkampfgemeinschaft), which MEY had organized in 1943, and which had some 100,000 members. MEY was to establish intelligence contact with Hungary from Austria through the mentioned organization. (V-6.)

"The American agency then allegedly gave him an Austrian identity document bearing the name of Dr. Karl KIRCHENBERGER, which French agencies later removed.

"Information as to the truth of the statements made by MEY is kindly requested by the BfV."

2. Should the above requested information be available and suitable for transmittal to the BfV, it is requested that it be provided this office; otherwise, a negative reply is requested.
3. The CIC liaison officer at TGA has suggested to its headquarters that it conduct an inquiry of US intelligence agencies in Austria. OSI has also been queried.
4. PCB: Please check US files only.

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